Uttarakhand

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Number of urban poor assisted to set up micro/group enterprises for self employment	0	153	0
Number of urban poor imported skill training	0	1212	0
Number of mandays of work generated under the wage employment (in lakhs) Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Number of urban poor assisted to set up micro/group enterprises for self employment	255	302	89
Number of urban poor imparted skill training	987	839	394
Number of mandays of work generated under the wage employment (in lakhs)	0.00	0.06	0.00

(b) Under the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, assistance is provided for setting up micro-enterprises to those urban poor who have no studies beyond 9th standard, in various trades. The maximum project cost for individual beneficiary under the scheme is Rs. 50000/- only and the subsidy provided is 15% or Rs. 7500/- whichever is less. For the women beneficiaries forming the Groups of at least 10 members, known as Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA) groups, there is no ceiling on the project cost, except that the maximum subsidy is 50% of the project cost o Rs. 1,25,000/-, whichever is less.

Urban Poverty Eradication

329. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for identifying urban poverty in the country;

(b) the details of schemes available for eradicating urban poverty;

(c) the reasons for not being able to achieve the desired rate of success in eardicating urban poverty; and

(d) the new initiatives proposed to be taken by Government for urban poverty eradication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The urban poverty line in the country has been defined by the Planning Commission on the basis of the recommendation made by the Expert Group namely Lakdawala Committee. Planning Commission defines the criteria for Below Poverty Line (BPL), based on the average per capita consumption expenditure. For defining the poverty line, the per capita consumption has been fixed at Rs. 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at 1973-74 prices at national level corresponding to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 calories in rural areas and 2100 calories in urban areas. The national poverty line at 1999-2000 prices is Rs. 327.56 per capita per month in rural areas and Rs. 454.11 per capita per month in urban areas.

(b) to (d) In order to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor in the country, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1.12.1997.

The programme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assists. Also, to address the housing and basic services needs of the urban poor living in slums, the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) was launched in December 2005 in 63 select Cities. For the towns/cities other than the Mission cities, the Integrated Housing and

Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) is being implemented to cater to similar needs of the urban poor.

Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme

330. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Central Government from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for resolving issues in the guidelines under IHSDP (Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to implement the guidelines under IHSDP in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has made a request to the Government of India for reallocation of funds from the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) seeking modification in the scheme guidelines. AS JNNURM was launched only recently, modification in the guidelines is premature at this stage.

Housing for LIG and EWS

331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the share of LIG and economically weaker sections in the recent growth in Housing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of the prices of dwellings, the incentives for housing sector are largely benefiting HIG and MIG groups;